



Policy Statement

State of Iowa

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Policy Statement supporting no encryption on any interoperable frequency and channel on any voice radio communications equipment and land mobile radio (LMR) systems for Iowa Public Safety and other affiliated communication suppliers or users.

WHEREAS: The Iowa statewide interoperability communications system board (ISICSB) is established in Code of Iowa sections 80.28 and 80.29. ISICSB is charged to develop, implement and oversee policy, operations, and fiscal components of communications interoperability efforts at the state and local levels, and to coordinate similar efforts at the federal level, with the objective of overseeing operation of statewide integrated public safety systems, and establish, monitor, and maintain appropriate policies and protocols, expand, maintain and fund stakeholder education, public education, and official education programs to demonstrate value of short-term communications interoperability solutions, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports interoperability on interoperable frequencies and channels to mean cross discipline, and cross agency communications on interoperable equipment and land mobile radio (LMR) systems, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports interoperability in all frequency bands and channels for LMR communications systems and equipment providing real-time, interoperability through multiple means, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports open communications for all frequency bands and channels to provide effective and reliable inter-agency and intra-agency radio communications, consistent with current best practices and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) Interoperability Continuum, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports development of a statewide, wide area LMR system as the states' interoperability platform, and recognizes the role of operational and interoperable frequencies and channels in a wide area LMR platform used as Iowa statewide voice radio interoperability solution, and;

WHEREAS: A significant coalition of local, state and federal public safety agency users have already demonstrated their support for cross discipline interoperability in all bands on recognized interoperability frequencies; Now therefore

IT IS THE ISICSB POLICY:

That the Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communications System Board (ISICSB) hereby documents and publishes policy of support for, no encryption on any interoperability channel in any public safety LMR interoperable communications systems used in Iowa for public safety.